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**CORRECTED SECTION V OF APPEAL BRIEF**

SIR:

This is a reply filed in response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed  
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The Examiner alleges that the brief is still noncompliant because Applicants have failed to provide the claimed subject matter of each independent claim mapped to the specification by page and line number or by paragraph number so that the varying scope of each of the independent claims can be determined.

The Examiner now suggests that Applicants reproduce the claimed subject matter of each independent claim and throughout the claim state concisely where in the specification support for the claimed structure (actual and functional) can be found. Reference to drawing numerals is also indicated to be required.

In response to the requirement, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a new corrected summary of claimed subject matter adopting the Examiner's suggestions.

As provided by MPEP 1205.03, the entire brief is not needed and only a paper with a summary of the claimed subject matter is submitted herewith. Entry of the Appeal Brief as corrected by this reply is respectfully requested.

Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 503182** and that overpayments be refunded to the same account.

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## **V. CORRECTED SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

### Independent claim 11

The invention is directed in independent claim 11 to a multifunctional lever comprising: a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function (the basic lever being disclosed in Figs. 1-3 with the reference numeral 1 and being disclosed in the specification filed on 11/02/05 in paragraphs [0012], [0024] in lines 1-7, and [0026], with the actuating function being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); and one or more lever element(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions (the one or more lever element(s) being disclosed in Figs. 2-3 with the reference numerals 2, 3 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0012] through [0016], and [0024] through [0026], with the actuating functions being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); said basic lever (1) and at least one said lever element(s) (2, 3) being separate parts (the separateness of parts being indicated by rivets in Fig. 2 and being indicated in the specification in paragraphs [0024] in line 5, [0026] in line 6, and [0034] in line 2); and said basic lever (1) and said lever element(s) (2, 3) being rigidly and inseparably connected together (the rigid and inseparable connection being indicated by rivets in Fig. 2, and being indicated in the specification in paragraphs [0016], [0024] in last two lines, and [0027] in the first two lines).

### Independent claim 20

The invention is directed in independent claim 20 to a multifunctional lever comprising: a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function (the basic lever being disclosed in Figs. 1-3 with the reference numeral 1 and being disclosed in the specification filed on 11/02/05 in paragraphs [0012], [0024] in lines 1-7, and [0026], with the actuating function being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); and one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions (the one or more lever element(s) being disclosed in Figs. 2-3 with the reference numerals 2, 3 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0012] through [0016], and [0024] through [0026], with the actuating functions being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); wherein at least one said additional lever(s) (2, 3) are riveted, bolted, clipped, snapped-in, welded or glued to said basic lever (1) (the riveting, bolting, clipping,

snapping-in, welding or gluing of said additional lever(s) to said basic lever (1) being indicated by rivets in Fig. 2 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0013], [0021], [0024] in lines 10-11 and 16-17, [0025] in lines 19-21, [0027] in lines 7-8, and [0031] in lines 3-6).

#### Independent claim 29

The invention is directed in independent claim 29 to a vehicle door latch comprising: a catch (10) (the catch being disclosed in Figs. 1 and 3 with the reference numeral 10 and being disclosed in the specification filed on 11/02/05 in paragraphs [0017] in line 2, [0025] in line 2, [0028] in line 5, [0030] in line 8, [0031] in line 3, [0032] in line 2, and [0035] in line 3); a pawl (4) (the pawl being disclosed in Figs. 1-3 with the reference numeral 4 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0017] in line 2, [0025] in lines 2-3 and 9-12, [0028] in line 4, [0030] in line 7, [0031] in line 3, [0032] in line 2, and [0035] in line 2); a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function (the basic lever being disclosed in Figs. 1-3 with the reference numeral 1 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0012], [0024] in lines 1-7, and [0026], with the actuating function being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); and one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions (the one or more lever element(s) being disclosed in Figs. 2-3 with the reference numerals 2, 3 and being disclosed in the specification in paragraphs [0012] through [0016], and [0024] through [0026], with the actuating functions being described in paragraph [0025] in lines 9-17); said basic lever (1) and said additional lever(s) (2, 3) being separate parts (the separateness being indicated by rivets in Fig. 2 and being indicated in the specification in paragraphs [0024] in line 5, [0026] in line 6, and [0034] in line 2); and said basic lever (1) and said additional lever(s) (2, 3) being rigidly and inseparably connected together (the rigid and inseparable connection being indicated by rivets in Fig. 2, and being indicated in the specification in paragraphs [0016], [0024] in last two lines, and [0027] in the first two lines).